



# Message from Zambia

MY NOMINATING MEMBER STATE



We, the Member State of Zambia, proudly presents Eng. Kezias Kazuba MWALE, as the candidate for the ATU SG elections 2026 that will take place during the ATU Conference of Plenipotentiaries (CPL) in July 2026.

As Zambia, we are proud to have played the crucial founding role of the ATU in 1977 among other 25 Member States. Besides being a founding Member State, a special and pivotal role we have played in the life of the ATU is leading the reformation of the institution from the initial Pan-African Telecommunications Union (PATU) to the present day African Telecommunications Union (ATU) in 1999. Specifically, the extraordinary CPL of 1999 that undertook the reformation was chaired by Zambia via Prof. Nkandu LUO, a woman and Minister of Communications at the time.

Over the period since its establishment, we have been a consistent, keen contributor and supporter of the institution. In terms of hosting, we have hosted a number of ATU events notably among them is the CPL of 1998, the Administrative Council meeting of 2019, and the ATU Preparatory Meeting for WRC-23 (APM23-3) in 2022. Financially, we have been a consistent supporter of the ATU by way of timely payment of our annual financial contributions. Technically, we are proud that many Zambians have contributed significantly to the institution's technical programmes.

On the leadership front, we have had the honour and duty of providing leadership of the ATU in various ways. Notable among them was the Chairmanship of the Administrative Council for the financial year 2019/2020, Membership of the Council from 2000 to 2022, as well as, being Member of the management team of the Task Group on Rural Connectivity.

The above notwithstanding and in our view, the greatest contribution we have made to the ATU has been the yielding of Eng. Mwale in 2012, upon request of Mr Abdoukarim SOUMAILA the SG at the time, to assist in revamping the ATU. Indeed and is common knowledge, Eng. Mwale has been a visible and key contributor to ATU's revamp and transformation under the mentorship and leadership of the two SGs he has served under, namely: the said Mr. Soumaila from 2012 to 2018 and now Mr. John OMO from 2019 to date.

As a bonafide and founding Member State, we strongly believe it is our duty to ensure that the ATU advances its transformation to make sure it deepens its contribution to the various digital transformation agendas. We strongly believe this is only possible if Member States avoiding any experimental leadership, but rather place ATU in the tested hands of Eng. Mwale with a clear track-record.

With his impactful service at ATU for the last 13-years at the director level, Eng. Mwale possesses unique credentials: highly relevant credentials (3 directly relevant degrees); hands-on experience; innovativeness; rich institutional memory; diligence and loyalty; consensus building (diplomacy); vast network of people who drive the sector across Africa and beyond; deep situational awareness of the key issues (the SWOT issues); and broad-based skill set (paralegal, partnerships, financial, software development and more).

In presenting his candidature, we, the Member State of Zambia, strongly believe his track record and demonstrated competency is the key to delivering the next ATU transformation as outlined in his 10-point Agenda. We humbly seek the support of all ATU Member States to ensure he is elected to be next ATU SG for the benefit of Member States, RECs, Africa and ATU itself.

**Support Zambia. Support Eng. Mwale. Support Assured Advancement.**

**Thank you. Merci beaucoup. Shukrani.**